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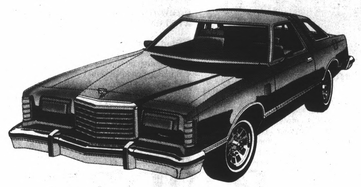

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Father Darkleaf

by
Calvin Robinson

Refreshed by needed rains, Martha Street is looking great. Lots of lawnmowers did not get to run over the week-end, but that will work out. Most of my lawn is at the rear of the house, so we will just wait and see about getting it prettied up. Ah yes, the name Martha. Mentioned seven times in The Bible...Luke and John. Very popular name. Our first First Lady was named Martha. But I do not know of another street named Martha.

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Many football games had to be postponed, a few more than once. And some teams scored upsets. VMI and William and Mary were winners in Virginia. Slippery Rock won over Edinboro, 24 - 19 and Washington Redskin fans had an unpleasant afternoon. But there are more games ahead, and may your team win.

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Looked to me like local stores were doing big business. And Heavens to Betsy the Christmas Rush is around the corner.

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There are many newcomers in our area and from time to time I like to tell something about the history of this newspaper. At one time there were two weekly newspapers in Appomattox. The Appomattox and Buckingham Times was established in 1892. A few years later The Southside Virginian began publication. And on October 1, 1909, the two papers were consolidated as The Times-Virginian. I recommend this paper as an outstanding news and advertising medium.

Glenn Memorial Baptist Church, Prospect, had a fiftieth anniversary service Sunday. Guest minister was the Rev. Vergil L. Hudson, who is well remembered here as a former pastor at Evergreen and now at Pinecrest Baptist Church, Portsmouth. A native of North Carolina, he received degrees at Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a former Moderator of Appomattox Baptist Association and has held other denominational positions of leadership. Mrs. Hudson and their two daughters, Leonda and Lynette are also well remembered here. The Rocks Quartet presented a musical porgram at the Sunday observance.

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National Park Superintendent H. Gilbert Lusk has been transferred to another assignment and will be missed here, where he did a fine job. Our Historical Park is having another of its good years in attendance.

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Thought for young readers.... There is an ancient Chinese proverb which says: Teachers open the door; you enter by yourself.

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Leaves are beginning to change their color a bit now. Very soon the great Virginia Nature Show will be in full swing. Take a leisurely drive along a rural road, but do not spoil it by being a litterbug.

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National Tobacco Festival Week in Richmond. Who will be Queen of Tobaccoland? VPI and VMI meet in the Festival football game. And it is a thrill to hear the famous Ferke String Band.

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Quoted from someplace.."the car will not start and the payments will not stop."

And hope I set a good example. Had my car prepared for winter, with antifreeze, battery checked, and what not. I may freeze up if'n there is a severe winter, but the car will not.

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More on my note pad, but space has run out. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Retires As Circuit Court Judge

George F. Abbitt, Jr.

In June of 1976, George F. Abbitt, Jr. announced his retirement as Judge in the 10th Judicial Circuit after twelve years on the circuit court bench.

The 10th circuit includes South Boston, Appomattox, Charlotte, Halifax, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Buckingham, Lunenburg and Mecklenburg Counties.

In accepting the resignation of Abbitt, who was 70 August 6, 1976, Governor Mills E. Godwin applauded Abbitt's "distinguished contributions and exemplary service in his high office."

Before being appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Joel W. Flood in 1964, Judge Abbitt was commonwealth's attorney in Appomattox County from 1948.

A native of Newport News and a graduate of Appomattox High School and the University of Richmond, Judge Abbitt served as substitute county court judge from 1939 to 1943 and chairman of the county supervisors from 1943 to 1948.

Abbitt is married to the former Josephine Cundiff of Altavista. They are members of Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox.

Judge and Mrs. Abbitt are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Abbitt Torrence of Concord and Mrs. Frances Pennington Quarrier of Charlotte County and they have two grandchildren, one age 5 and one age one year.

Abbitt's retirement was effective Sept. 30.

Holiday Lake 4-H Center To Be Year-Round Education Center

APPOMATTOX - An important meeting of the membership and the board of directors of the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center will be held at 10 a.m. Wed., Oct. 6 at the center.

C. A. Elliott, 4-H program leader for the east central Extension district, said the membership consists of two lay members and one Extension agent from each county in the district.

The Holiday Lake 4-H Center is moving from a three-month summer recreational facility for youth to a year-round informal educational center for youth and adults.

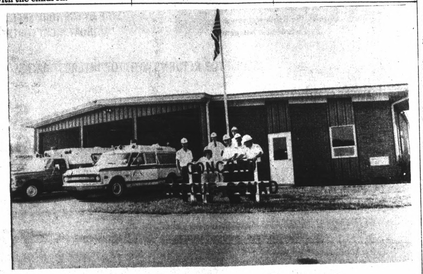
This concept will be discussed at the meeting by Kenneth E. Dawson, director of 4-H and William R. Van Dresser, interim dean of the Extension Division at Virginia Tech.

Elliott said a new set of by-laws for the persanent organization will be discussed and directors will be eleted. A tour of the facilities will be held and lunch will be served.

Game Display To Be Featured During Railroad Festival

As a special recreational feature for the children attending the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, an "orphan" game display will be sponsored on Saturday by the Virginia Game Farm from Cumberland, Va. The display will include a bear, deer, racoon, pheasant and a quail. These animals are those that were abandoned at birth and raised by the Game Farm Commission. Mr. Charles Torrence, area leader for the Commission, and Mr. George Goin, Manager of the Game Farm in Cumberland, will be available to discuss the animals with the children.

Other recreation planned for the children include free rides on the W.O.W. Choo-Choo train, a kiddie swing set and "special friends" to greet the children such as the Sesame Street characters, "Bert", "Ernie", "Grover", and "Big Bird" sponsored by the Appomattox Primary P.T.A.; "Woodsy the Owl" sponsored by Westvaco; and "Smokey the Bear" sponsored by the Virginia Division of Forestry. All recreational facilities including the game display will be located in the paved parking lot behind the Farmer's National Bank and beside Ed Harvey's Appliance Store.



Concord Rescue Squad Fund Drive Underway

Concord Rescue Squad is conducting its annual fund drive during the month of October. The drive officially began October 1, 1977, but volunteer members started their "door-to-door" canvass on Monday night in an effort to raise a total of $15,000.00.

Total expenses during the 1975-76 year for Concord Rescue Squad were $19,683.00, a cost per call answered set at $31.54.

During the year ended June 30, 1976, the Concord Rescue Squad responded to a total of 624 calls within its 150-square mile service area. About 500 of those emergencies involved trips to Lynchburg General Hospital Emergency Room for people injured or involved in accidents in the Concord area.

In all, some 3,744 hours of community service, including emergency calls, were logged by Concord Rescue Squad members in 1975-76 with rescue squad vehicles being driven 15,360 miles.

Without your donations, Concord Rescue Squad cannot continue to operate. When you are asked for a contribution, give generously so that these volunteer members of a fine organization can continue to serve the people in their area.

Winners Announced In Football Contest

Winners in the weekly football contest sponsored by area businesses have been announced by the Times-Virginian for last week's contest.

In the contest, only two persons predicted as many as 13 of the 15 games correctly. With 13 correct predictions, Chip Herncall and Don Conner tied in the contest. Going to the "tie-breaker" for a winner, Chip Herncall was closer to the actual score of the Raider-Altavista game and he will receive a check for $10.00 from the Times-Virginian for first place. Don Conner, second place winner, will receive a check from the Times-Virginian for $5.00.

Be sure to enter the contest this week and get your entry into this newspaper . . . you may be a winner next time!

Historical Society To Meet October 11th

The Appomattox County Historical Society will hold its regular October meeting at Appomattox Middle School in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. on October 11, 1976 with Dr. Merwyn Williamson, Vice-President, presiding.

News articles and other papers giving detailed accounts of the 1914 wedding of Miss Eleanor Fortner and Congressman Henry Delaware Flood will be presented to the society by Mrs. Harvey Clark Rucker of Monroe. Mrs. Rucker is the daughter of the late Annie Thornhill Nowlin and Albert Sidney Nowlin, natives of Appomattox County.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Ron Wilson, Historian at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. He will present a program on community life in Appomattox during mid-nineteenth century. The lecture based on the report of Dr. John Moore, research historian, University of Virginia, will focus on the network of social factors interwoven into community life: economic, census, cultural, political, industrial, and agricultural.

Mr. Wilson moved to Appomattox in 1975. Formerly he was historian at the Abraham Lincoln Boyhood Park, and Johnstown Flood National Park, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wilson, his wife, Phyllis,

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Firemen Answer 7 Calls In September

Members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department responded to seven calls during the month of September.

On September 11th, a call was answered for a field and outbuilding fire; on September 14 for a brush fire and one false call; on September 24, a tobacco barn fire; and on the 26 of September, they answered a call for a car fire.

Lions Club To Meet October 14

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet at Maudes Restaurant on Thurs., Oct. 14, at 6:45 p.m.

Speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Robert R. Ramsey, Jr., Secretary of Education for the State of Virginia.

All members are urged to attend.

Banks To Observe Holiday Monday

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, Fidelity American Bank and the First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin Branch will be closed Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day.

All banks will reopen on Tuesday for business as usual.

4-H'ers To Head Bike-A-Thon Sunday

"We're planning to ride in the American Cancer Society's Bike-A-Thon" say these 4-H'ers from Mrs. Eye's class at Appomattox Elementary School. From left are Rebecca Doss, Richard Conner, Sylvia Trent, Pat Page, Thomas Blazer, and Jay Stewart. The Appomattox Bike-A-Thon will be held this Sunday, October 10, beginning at 2 p.m.

A map showing the route for the 10-mile bike ride is printed on another page of this issue of the Times-Virginian. Both adults and students are urged to get pledges, so much per mile for each mile they ride, and join in the Bike-A-Thon ride Sunday. Last year over $2,000 was raised locally with only 45 riders participating. Let us hope for more riders and more money this year . . . we want to conquer cancer in YOUR lifetime!

Ray Pillow - Grand Marshall Railroad Festival Parade

One thing Ray Pillow is, he's good looking.

This has come to the attention of quite a few folks - the ladies especially - in his performances on Grand Ole Opry, and in his personal appearances around the country.

When this talented young entertainer who fits the often quoted, "Tall, Dark and Handsome" description sets foot on stage, it is evident he is destined for outstanding things in the entertainment world. Ray will be the Grand Marshall of the Appomattox Railroad Festival Parade scheduled for 10 a.m., Sat., Oct. 16.

Ray is certainly no Johnny-come-lately to the field of country music. Reared in Lynchburg, Va., where country music is a basic part of everyday life, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pillow. Ray made up his mind to be a singer in 1963, right after he got out of the Navy and graduated from Lynchburg College with a degree in Business Administration. Ray and his wife the former JoAnn Lewis of Lynchburg, Va., now make their home in Nashville, Tenn. with their three children.

Ray got his start playing with the "Western Star Dusters" whose members were Curtis Wooten and Jack Williams of Appomattox, Va. & Johnny Bohannan and Jerry Harvey of Lynchburg. They won first place in a Pet Milk Company WBRG Radio sponsored contest held in front of the old Moses Motor Co. on Church St. in Appomattox. Ray was selected first place male vocalist in the state competition at Crewe, Va. and from there went to Nashville where he won second place in the national competition.

He has appeared on all the nationally syndicated television shows, as well as "Swinging Country" on NBC, and in the movie "Country Boy". He was the first artist placed under contract by Martha White Mills, and was a regular on the "Flatt and Scruggs TV Show" sponsored by Martha White and the Pet Milk Co. He was also a regular member of the syndicated "Jim & Jesse Television Show".

Producer Marvin Hughes wrote on a album cover, "Even When It's Bad It's Good", "Ray's smooth, mellow voice and romatic way with a love song have placed his name high atop the popularity charts with such hits as "Take Your Hands Off My Heart" and "Even The Bad Times Are Good". To paraphrase the lyrics of the aforementioned titled song of his album: "Ray is Ray and when he's good, he's great, and when he's great, there's nothing better."

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College Night October 6

Appomattox County High School Juniors and Seniors are reminded of "College Night" at E. C. Glass High School from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 1976. Parents are also urged to attend this informative meeting of representatives from various educational institutions.

Post Office Observes Holiday

The Appomattox Post Office and the Pamplin Post Office will be closed Monday, October 11, 1976 in observance of Columbus Day.

There will be no window service or rural service on Monday.

J. R. Snoddy Takes Oath For Judgeship

BUCKINGHAM - J. R. Snoddy, Jr. was sworn in Friday afternoon as judge in the 10th Judicial Circuit.

Snoddy of Dillwyn, former county commonwealth's attorney, replaces Judge George Abbitt, Jr. of Appomattox, whose resignation became effective Thursday.

The 10th circuit includes South Boston, Appomattox, Charlotte, Halifax, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Buckingham, Lunenburg and Mecklenburg counties.

Judge Snoddy joins Judge Meredith C. Dortch of South Hill on the 10 circuit bench.

Named Community Relations Manager at Virginia Fibre

William S. Slagle

Appomattox Town Manager William S. Slagle has been named Virginia Fibre Corporation's first community relations manager. His appointment was announced by Virginia Fibre's vice president and resident manager. W. W. "Jack" Ricketson, Sr. Slagle will join the nation's largest independent producer of corrugating paper on Oct. 11.

He has been Appomattox Town Manager since 1972, and special projects assistant to the Appomattox Board of Supervisors at the same time.

Slagle was the fourth town manager in Appomattox's history. During his four years in the dual position with the town and county, Slagle was responsible for fostering a cooperative approach between the two jurisdictions, in regard to solving problems of mutual concern.

Among the major accomplishments for the town and county in those years were planning and implementation of a complete, county-wide solid waste disposal system, and major improvements to the town's water source, as well as its distribution system.

Slagle assisted with formation of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan, which is now in the bidding stages. A complete building inspection program was also instituted while he was town manager.

Other advances he coordinated were a regional sewerage system, and preliminary engineering for a water storage tank and supply lines for the community.

The 35 year old Appomattox native is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Slagle of Rt. 2, Appomattox. He graduated from Appomattox County High School in 1961 and went on to Virginia Polytechnic Institute as a cooperative work student. He earned his B.S. in civil engineering in 1966. While in school, Slagle worked for the Va. Dept. of Highways, doing drafting, surveying, construction and inspection.

That fall he entered graduate school at VPI on a fellowship, and completed his M.S. in sanitary engineering in November, 1967. Slagle worked in the water pollution abatement program of the State Water Control Board until he began active duty with the Army Corps of Engineers the following year.

During his two years of stateside duty with the Corps, Bill Slagle participated in pilot studies in conjuction with the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Chicago. He also served as an assistant projects coordinator for the North Central District of the Corps of Engineers.

Slagle served 10 months in Lai Khe, Vietnam, where he was a platoon leader, executive officer and company commander with the First Engineer Batallion, First Division. The first lieutenant earned the Army Commendation with oak leaf cluster, and the Bronze Star.

Upon returning to Central Virginia, Slagle resumed work with the State Water Control Board as a regional engineer, coordinating pollution abatement in an 18 county area. He continued in that position for two years until accepting the town manager's job.

Slagle is married to the former Sarah Hawkins of Madison Heights, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hawkins on Oak Grove Drive. The Slagles are the parents of Stan, 8; Dan 5; and one year old Lara.

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